

### **REMARKS**

A restriction was required under 35 U.S.C. 121 and 372. According to the Examiner, the application presented two distinct inventions: Group I, claims 1-16 and 19-21, drawn to a flocculating agent, and Group II, claims 17-18, drawn to a method for the treatment of water. In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicant hereby withdraws claims 17-18 and elects Group I, claims 1-16 and 19-21. However, Applicant notes that withdrawn claims 17 and 18 include the subject matter of claim 1. Accordingly, upon allowance of claim 1, rejoinder of claims 17 and 18 is respectfully requested.

Additionally, claim 20 has been amended to correct an informality.

**CONCLUSION**

It is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for substantive examination. Such examination is therefore earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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